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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, MOPS

SUBJECT: SECURITY IN SUEZ CANAL

1. CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FAIRMONT SHIPPING AGENCY LTD.,
CAPT. FINLEY, HAS PROVIDED CONGEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REQUESTED BY EMBOFF FAULK RE EXACT LOCATION OF EXPLOSION
PRESUMABLY SET OFF BY SS CHUEN ON IN SUEZ CANAL JUNE 16.
CAPT. FINLEY HAS REQUESTED CONGEN TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING:

2. QUOTE SHOCK WAVE FOLLOWED BY MUFFLED SOUND FELT BY SS
CHUEN ON (REGISTRY NO. 6322, PANAMA) AT 0230 HRS BY SHIP'S
CLOCK 16 JUNE AT 27 DEGREES 44 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE AND
33 DEGREES 49 MINUTES EAST LONGITUDE, STEERING COURSE 134 AT
SPEED OF 14 KNOTS. EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE WATER IN VICINITY
OF STARBOARD QUARTER SOME DISTANCE AWAY FROM SHIP. (SHIP
BRIDGE, ACCOMMODATIONS AND ENGINE ROOM ARE SITUATED
IN AFTER PART OF THE VESSEL.) NOTHING WAS SEEN ON THE WATER.
NO ONE INJURED. MINOR DAMAGE IN ENGINE ROOM. UNQUOTE.

3. FINLEY INFORMS CONGEN THAT HIS FIRM STILL REFERRING
TO INCIDENT AS "SHOCK WAVE" AND "MUFFLED SOUND" AND NOT
AS "EXPLOSION" ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED TO CONGEN OFF THE
RECORD IT INDEED THE LATTER.

4. IF FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FINLEY INFORMS US HE
GLADLY WILLING TO COOPERATE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.
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